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AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the third paragraph on page 14 with the following amended paragraph.

Absorbent composites of another embodiment of this invention are airformed absorbent composites. Airformed absorbent composites are made by combining superabsorbent particles and matrix fibers into an airforming former unit to mix and lay down a web of intermingled superabsorbent particles and matrix fibers. The web of intermingled or intermixed superabsorbent particles and matrix fibers is formed directly onto a porous sheet of tissue. One example of a suitable porous tissue is designated as 9.8 pound White Forming Tissue available from American Tissue, Inc., Neenah, Wisconsin. The airformed absorbent composite can then be compressed to a desired density by a Carver Press. A suitable airformed absorbent composite density is between about 0.05 gram/cubic centimeter (g/cc) and 0.5 g/cc, a more suitable density is between about 0.1 g/cc and 0.4 g/cc, and a preferred density is between about 0.15 g/cc and 0.3 g/cc. The water-swellable, water-insoluble superabsorbent material is present in the absorbent composite in a weight amount of at least about 10% by weight, suitably from about 10% to 70% by weight, desirably from about 20% to 60% by weight, and preferably from about 30% to 50% by weight. The water-insoluble fiber is present in the absorbent composite in a weight amount from about 10% to 90% by weight, suitably from about 20% to 80% by weight, and desirably about 50% to 70% by weight.

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Applicants have amended the Specification at page 14, third paragraph, to include the term intermixed, as required by the Office Action. Support for this Amendment can be found in this same paragraph, which describes the mixing and laying down of intermingled superabsorbent particles and matrix fibers. Additional support for this Amendment can be found at, for example, page 19, first paragraph, of the Specification, which describes mixing superabsorbent material with fibers in water to form a slurry from which a sample composite is formed. No new matter has been added to the Specification by this Amendment

Objection to the Specification

The final Office Action objects to the Specification for not reciting the claim term "intermixed." Applicants have amended the Specification at page 14, third paragraph, to include the term "intermixed."

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